

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Franzen *et al.*

Group Art Unit: 1634

Serial No.: 10/759,496

Examiner: Sisson, Bradley L.

Filed: January 16, 2004

Docket No.: 297/178/2

Confirmation No.: 7690

For: PHOTOTHERMAL DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID HYBRIDIZATION

AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT E

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is responsive to the final Official Action dated June 22, 2009. A Petition for a three (3)-month Extension of Time, extending the period for response up to and including December 22, 2009 is being filed herewith along with a Request for Continued Examination. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge **\$1,920.00** (representing the extension of time and Request for Continued Examination fees for other than small entity) along with any other fees associated with the filing of this correspondence, and to credit any over payment to, Deposit Account Number 50-0426. Favorable consideration is respectfully requested in view of the following Amendments and Remarks.

AMENDMENT

Please amend the subject application as follows: